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## National Park Offers Free Ranger-Led Saturday Hikes

PAGO PAGO, American Samoa—The National Park of American Samoa will offer free ranger-led Saturday hikes from June through August. Free shuttles will transport hiker's roundtrip from Pago Pago to the trails. All hikes will begin at 8 am and last three-to-five hours. Interested participants are required to sign up in advance.

There are six scheduled hikes that include:

June 4 Lower Sauma and Pola Island Trails, Vatia

June 25 Tuafanua Trail, Vatia

July 2 Mount 'Alava Trail, Fagasā Pass

July 23 World War II Heritage Trail, Gataivai

August 6 Lower Sauma and Pola Island Trails, Vatia

August 20 Tuafanua Trail, Vatia

These hikes provide participants with opportunities to experience their own local national park within lush tropical rainforests with vistas that overlook Tutuila. National park rangers will lead these hikes and share a variety of fun topics about the natural and culture wonders of American Samoa.

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"We look forward to welcoming residents and visitors to their national park," said Chief of Interpretation and Education Michael Larson. "These hikes provide a great opportunity to have fun and to improve your health. We encourage everyone to get outside to explore, connect, and find your national park."

Space is limited to 28 participants per hike. Sign up is required by phone at 633-7082, ext. 22 or email npsa\_info@nps.gov.

These Saturday hikes are made possible through the generous support of the national park's non-profit partner—the Hawai'i Pacific Parks Association (www.hawaiipacificparks.org).



